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SUBJECT: CHURCH GROUP'S ANALYSIS OF ALLEGED 1,000 DETAINEE
RELEASES

REF: (A) MANILA 10108, (B) MANILA 9865

1. AS NOTED REFTELS, PRESIDENT MARCOS PUBLICLY ORDERED RELEASE OF TWO BATCHES OF 500 DETAINEES JUNE 26 AND 29. LISTS OF NAMES WERE PUBLISHED IN MANILA PAPERS THE FOLLOWING DAYS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ANALYSIS BY ASSOCIATION OF MAJOR RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS OF THE PHILIPPINES((AMRSP) TASK FORCE ON DETAINEES (TFD) DATED JULY 20, PRESS LISTED TOTAL OF ONLY 439 NAMES FROM BOTH BATCHES, AND OF THOSE ONLY 21 WERE DEFINED BY TFD AS "POLITICAL PRISONERS." OF THE 21, 12 WERE ALLEGEDLY RELEASED FROM VARIOUS DETENTION CENTERS IN MINDANAO; FIVE FROM CAMP OLIVAS, PAMPANGA; AND FOUR FROM THE BICUTAN REHABILITATION CENTER NEAR MANILA.

2. TFD HAS CONFIRMED THAT 15 OF THE 21 POLITICAL DETAINEES HAVE IN FACT BEEN RELEASED, ALTHOUGH IN MOST CASES SEVERAL DAYS' FOLLOW-UP BY THE DETAINEES' FAMILIES WAS NECESSARY. FOUR WERE CONFIRMED STILL DETAINED AS OF JULY 17: TWO IN TAGUM, DAVAO NORTE, AND TWO IN CAMP OLIVAS. ONE ALLEGED RELEASE IN ZAMBOANGA NORTE IS UNCONFIRMED, AND ONE RELEASE
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FROM BICUTAN IS APPARENTLY A "MILITARY MAN" WHO WAS "RELEASED IN JULY 1976."

3. COMMENT: WHILE TFD'S ANALYSIS IS PERHAPS SELF-SERVING, IT REPRESENTS USEFUL EFFORT TO FOLLOW-UP GOP'S CLAIMS AND PUBLICIZE ITS SHORTCOMINGS. COPY OF ANALYSIS POUCHED EA/PHL.
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